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SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO THE SEA

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF AUGUST 20, AN ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER ARBULU CLAIMED THAT THE GOP HAS DECIDED TO GIVE ITS APPROVAL TO FURTHER BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CHILE AND BOLIVIA ON THE CORRIDOR ISSUE. THE PERUVIAN OKAY, WHICH SOURCE SAID WOULD BE GIVEN AT THE OCTOBER CHILE-PERU NEGOTIATING SESSION IN LIMA, WOULD BE CONDITIONED ON A CHILEAN PROMISE TO PROTECT PERU'S INTERESTS IN THE CORRIDOR AREA INCLUDING ACCESS TO, AND FREE TRANSIT THROUGH, ARICA (OVER-THE-ROAD IN ADDITION TO THE RAILROAD) AS WELL AS WATER RIGHTS FOR PERUVIAN CANALS.

2. SOURCE CONFIDENTLY ASSERTED THAT PERUVIAN ASSENT TO CHILEAN-BOLIVIAN NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO A TERRITORIAL TRANSFER INVOLVING FORMER PERUVIAN LAND WOULD NOT PRESENT AN INSURMOUNTABLE POLITICAL PROBLEM FOR PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ AND THAT DISCONTENT WITHIN THE MILITARY SHOULD BE QUITE MANAGEABLE. HE CONTENTED THAT THE GOP IS CONVINCED, AND ITS "IN-HOUSE" EXPLANATIONS WOULD STRESS, THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND CHILE OVER TERRITORIAL EXCHANGE AND OTHER PARTICULARS SHOULD GUARANTEE PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS, THE OUTCOME OF WHICH WOULD IN ANY CASE
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ACKNOWLEDGE PERUVIAN RIGHTS IN THE AFFECTED ZONE. PERUVIAN

MILITARY SUPERIORITY WILL GUARANTEE THE PROTECTION OF THOSE RIGHTS, CLAIMED THE SOURCE.

3. A FONOFF OFFICIAL ALSO TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE OCTOBER CHILE-PERU NEGOTIATING SESSION SHOULD BE THE LAST. THE GOP, HE SAID, CANNOT ENDLESSLY STALL AND HAS EXHAUSTED SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE. THEREFORE, PERU IS LIKELY TO AGREE TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CHILE AND BOLIVIA.
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